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JOINT LEGISLATIVE – EXECUTIVE TASK FORCE ON HEALTH FACILITIES

TASK FORCE MEETING INFORMATION

February 12, 2018
4:15 p.m.
Room L54 – Jonah Financial Center
3001 E. Pershing Blvd.
Cheyenne, WY 82007

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Senator Dan Dockstader, Cochairman
Representative Lloyd Larsen, Cochairman
Senator Fred Baldwin
Senator Brian Boner
Representative Danny Eyre
Representative Bob Nicholas

EXECUTIVE BRANCH MEMBERS

(NONE)

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Tom Forslund, Department of Health
William T. Panos, Department of Transportation

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE OFFICE STAFF

Ian Shaw, LSO Legal Division Administrator

OTHERS PRESENT AT MEETING

Representatives from HOK
Representatives from MOCA
Representatives Department of Health
Representatives from State Construction Department
Representatives from Architecture Plus
Dan Stackis – Empres Healthcare

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Task Force met to receive an update on the status of construction bidding for renovations and construction at the Wyoming Life Resource Center (WLRC). The Task Force met in an executive session to discuss negotiation of the construction contract for the WLRC. The Task Force accepted public testimony.

CALL TO ORDER

Cochairman Larsen called the public meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. and a quorum was present.

Cochairman Larsen explained that two construction bids were received for construction at the WLRC on February 6, 2018.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Representative Eyre, seconded by Senator Baldwin, moved that the Task Force go into executive session to discuss confidential construction contracting details. The motion passed on a roll call vote. The executive session started at 4:20 p.m. The executive session ended at 4:35 p.m.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Cochairman Larsen explained again that construction bidding for the WLRC closed on February 6, 2018 and two bids were received. Sletten Construction from Cody, Wyoming was the low bidder.

Similar to last month's bid from Groathouse Construction for construction at the State Hospital, Sletten's bid, while the lowest bid, is substantially higher than the construction cost estimates developed prior to bidding. The State Construction Department will negotiate with Sletten to attempt to reach a construction contract that is affordable to the State.

Cochairman Larsen asked for public comment.

Dan Stackis, Empress Healthcare, addressed the Task Force. His company operates health care facilities in Wyoming. He expressed concern about expanding health care capacity at the WLRC in Lander, where there are multiple private facilities that cannot compete with state-run facilities. He believes that general fund dollars should not be used to compete with private industry.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Task Force adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Lloyd Larsen, Cochairman

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